

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (currently amended) An accessory for a container, the accessory comprising:

first and second clamping members for placement on opposing sides of an upper edge of the container, the first clamping member comprising a plurality of elastically deformable extending portions that define at least first and second clamping surfaces spaced apart from each other, the second clamping member defining a third clamping surface, said first and second clamping members being connected and disposed with respect to each other such that the first clamping member is insertable into the container in an inserted position with the first and second clamping surfaces pressed against an inner surface of the container and with the third clamping surface of the second clamping member engaging an outer surface of the container with the third clamping surface disposed between the first and second clamping surfaces, each of said extending portions comprising a first subportion that extends away from a vertical axis of the second clamping member when the first clamping member is in the inserted position.

Claim 46 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first and second clamping surfaces extend from opposite sides of the accessory.

Claim 47 (canceled)

Claim 48 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 47, wherein the first and second clamping surfaces are spring mounted with respect to the second clamping member.

Claim 49 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 47, wherein the first and second clamping surfaces are spring mounted with respect to each other.

Claim 50 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first and second clamping surfaces have respective edges that face away from each other, each of the edges having a convex curve.

Claim 51 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first clamping member has an arcuate shape.

Claim 52 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first and second clamping members have a spring connection with each other in a vertical plane.

Claim 53 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first and second clamping members define an inverted U-shape in a vertical cross-sectional plane, the U-shape providing an accommodation space for the container.

Claim 54 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first clamping member is disposable in a flat plane when the accessory is not inserted on the upper edge of the container.

Claim 55 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the second clamping member comprises a holder for holding an object.

Claim 56 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 55, wherein the holder comprises third and fourth clamping members, said third and fourth clamping members comprising respective arms which extend from the first and second clamping surfaces.

Claim 57 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 56, wherein the respective arms are spring mounted with respect to each other.

Claim 58 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 56, wherein the third and fourth clamping members have respective clamping surfaces that face each other in an orientation that is substantially transverse to an orientation between the first, second and third clamping surfaces, said arms extending with a portion along a circumference of the container when the accessory is inserted into the container.

Claim 59 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 56, wherein the third and fourth clamping members have a decorative shape.

Claim 60 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 56, wherein the third and fourth clamping members are flat.

Claim 61 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 60, wherein the third and fourth clamping members comprise rough or profiled surfaces.

Claim 62 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the second clamping member comprises a swizzle stick.

Claim 63 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the accessory comprises means for displaying information.

Claim 64 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first and second clamping members are integrally formed with one another.

Claim 65 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 64, wherein the accessory is made of a synthetic material.

Claim 66 (currently amended) A kit comprising a container having an upper edge and a vertical axis and an accessory for the container, the accessory comprising:

a main body, and

first and second clamping members for placement on opposing sides of the upper edge of the container, the first and second clamping members being integrally formed with said main body, the first clamping member comprising a plurality of elastically deformable extending portions that define at least first and second clamping surfaces spaced apart from each other, the second clamping member defining a third clamping surface, said first and second clamping members being connected and disposed with respect to each other such that the first clamping member is insertable into the container in an inserted position with the first and second clamping surfaces pressed against an inner surface of the container and with the third clamping surface of the second clamping member engaging an outer surface of the container with the third clamping surface disposed between the first and second clamping surfaces, each of said extending portions comprising a first subportion that extends with a directional component that is transverse to a vertical axis of the second clamping member

when the first clamping member is in the inserted position, the extending portions of the first clamping member being bendable about an axis parallel to the vertical axis of the container.

Claim 67 (previously presented) The kit according to claim 66, wherein the main body is disposed radially outside of the container with the accessory inserted into the container.

Claim 68 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first and second clamping surfaces are supported by respective arms connected to one another to form a connecting portion that interconnects the first and second clamping surfaces.

Claim 69 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 50, wherein said convex curve has a center or centers situated between the first and second clamping surfaces.

Claim 70 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 63, wherein said means for displaying information is situated between the first and second clamping surfaces.

Claim 71 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 68, wherein said connecting portion comprises means for displaying information.

Claim 72 (previously presented) The kit according to claim 66, wherein the first and second clamping surfaces are supported by respective arms connected to one another to form a connecting portion that interconnects the first and second clamping surfaces.

Claim 73 (previously presented) The kit according to claim 72, wherein said connecting portion comprises means for displaying information.

Claim 74 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 47, wherein each of the extending portions comprises:

(i) the first subportion, the first subportion extending along the upper edge of the container when the accessory is inserted into the container, and

(ii) a second subportion that is substantially perpendicular to the first subportion.

Claim 75 (previously presented) The kit according to claim 66, wherein the extending portions are elastically deformable.

Claim 76 (previously presented) The kit according to claim 75, wherein each of the extending portions comprises:

(i) the first subportion, the first subportion extending along the upper edge of the container when the accessory is inserted into the container, and

(ii) a second subportion that is substantially perpendicular to the first subportion.

Claim 77 (previously presented) The accessory according to claim 45, wherein the first subportion of each of the extending portions extends in a direction that is transverse to a vertical axis of the second clamping member when the first clamping member is in the inserted position.

Claim 78 (previously presented) The kit according to claim 66, wherein the first subportion of each of the extending portions extends in a direction that is transverse to a vertical axis of the second clamping member when the first clamping member is in the inserted position.